



## Love & Death

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Forward:

This paper is written from the viewpoint of a heterosexual atheist. The writer has done no extensive, scientific research that would garner scholastic accolades, nor have outside sources been consulted. The information contained herein is based on experience, and a working knowledge of how the brain functions concerning its electrical/chemical nature. At the time of this writing, the author is 57 years of age, a survivor of an Ex-military, Southern Baptist, Texas upbringing, accompanied by six attempts to take his own life. As of January, 2013, the author has remained celibate, alcohol and drug free, and is currently undergoing regular treatment by a small team based in the psychiatric community. After seven months of self-imposed solitude, what follows is an attempt to wrest some semblance of order, around the abstract concepts of love and death. The author has come to realize his beliefs may be askew, and the results of an extended internal inquiry, toward a better understanding, are presented. The author is not a clinician of any sort, yet has attempted to present his findings in an intelligent framework, relying on known facts, as well as informed conjecture, when these facts are considered. This is completely theoretical in nature and takes little into account, where any sort of control, is other than instinctual brain activity based. The focus is on individual personal relationships—groups are not a consideration, only interactions between immediate family members, and those with the perceived potential of becoming a part of said family.

Love

Part I

Being a long-time 'believer' in love, prompted this paper. Belief, faith, whatever you've chosen to apply to the ideal of love, is just that. Belief and fact seldom share the same domain, and in my advanced years, which include many experiences with what humans call love, have left me with a precarious relationship around the very idea of its existence, in a form, widely accepted by the populous on faith. Having experienced this thing called love from multiple angles, has landed it on my religion list, and if history proves but a single fact, its that there is nothing more dangerous than religion.

Love is a trick, perpetuated by chemical and electrical impulses in the brain. A brain of which, is utilized but 10 to 12% when considering its mass. Should the rest of the brain, suddenly spring to life, the trickery of love would likely be exposed as what it is; a base reaction to the possibility that a proper mate has been found, and offspring can be generated through a union between yourself, and the one your brain has identified as a suitable partner. This example is a common occurrence, and alluded to as an initial yardstick with which all love based relationships can then be measured, but is by no means, the focus of this presentation.

There is much to be discussed when the term “love at first sight” is considered, and I have no explanation other than an additional huckster occupying the brain. Pheromones have been proven to be far reaching, specific in their intent, and when ramming head-long into other pheromone generators of the same ilk, cause the love deceit mechanism of the brain, to kick into high gear. The commingling of similar pheromones is no guarantee that the brain is correct in assuming some higher power is involved in the following partnership—like all love based relationships, the same pitfalls await the participants, as those awaiting pairings that may have taken years, before the brains began to lose their grip on reason, and embrace uncontrollable, instinct driven electric impulses and chemical signals as factual.

The misinterpretation of love, has, is, and will, continue to cause untold misery, as our capacity to fully understand it, is simply not available. The electrical/chemical responses of the brain are subject to change without notice, and a re-routing of signals, causes what was once perceived as undying love, to be removed from one individual, and assigned to another, thus leaving one brain with a connection, that is no longer valid. The redirection or dissolving of a jilted brain's electrical signals, being the reasonable option, has not been sufficiently realized, as the part of the brain that contains said reasoning powers, is not yet functional in humankind at the time of this writing.

There is no predicting this change and conscious 'thought' has little, if anything, to do with it. Our brain simply changes direction, in most cases, depending in part, on whether the objective was reached after the initial assignment of love, and its reciprocation. Should the objective (procreation, acquisition, etc), go unrealized, there is a shift or break in signals, and the brain tells its owner to seek completion elsewhere. This can also happen once the procreation objective has been met, as a base objective of the brain, is to seed the planet, with as much of itself as the body containing it, can muster.

This changing of direction, the reassignment of the electrical impulses, and the energy consumed, causes a rift in the brain that has been left holding the bag. It's chemical connections are still in place, and continue to create the wholly imagined love of the body/brain that is now otherwise occupied. The jilted brain, experiences confusion and yet another falsehood; the feeling of loss and or rejection. The redirected brain had no conscious intention of creating said confusion—it is merely following the prime directive it has followed for aeons. Anguish in the jilted brain is but a side effect of instinct taking control of the situation—the jilted brain, having a circuit in place, will fight to keep it intact, although it is a losing battle. Some part of the jilted brain knows this, yet struggles on—perceived loss of control is catastrophic in some humans, with this attribute being dependent on any number of contributing factors that formed the person's ego, alter ego, and their respective strengths.

The brain that is no longer in the spotlight, has been known to focus it's energy on re-establishing the lost connection, causing, what often amounts to, a near complete breakdown of the brain's ability to apply what little capacity it has for reason at it's disposal, to even the most mundane of necessary daily activities. Physical disturbances may manifest, should reason remain aloof.

Accepting reality, when only 10% of the brain is available to crunch the data, is a difficult, taxing

chore. Energy can be harmfully applied, and as the jilted brain uses all it can, both internally and outwardly, in an attempt to convince the redirected brain to de-evolve and re-establish its circuit, this energy wanes in intensity, over time, and eventually the jilted brain will redirect itself, simply to conserve energy, as survival is a directive above that of procreation—in the hope of love returning, between the jilted brain and the redirected brain, the jilted brain will wear itself out, become short-circuited, if it doesn't redirect. The time involved for this to happen, can be insufficient, as a body only lasts so long. The brain within it may never redirect, sending it into a mobius strip of confusion and longing, until the body it's housed in expires. Ask any skid row bum how they got there, and the bottom line of their interpretation of events leading them, will undoubtedly contain their inability to throw the circuit breaker concerning a particular target. In some cases, a person's will is weak due to role model screw-ups, improper exposure to non-reality based relationships early in life, a belief that they are nothing if not desired by another, or obsessive compulsive disorders of high magnitude. Something is amiss, and those unable to redirect their circuits indefinitely, will invariably place blame on another.

The love of a parent for its offspring, is but an extension of instinct, as promise of the continuation of our bloodline. If closely examined, it is hope, not love—hope being yet another line of tom-foolery embraced by our barely functioning brains. Our imagined love for another, in a purely common scenario, where consent is manifest, has risen around offspring production and an opportunity for ourselves to continue populating the planet, with our genes, of which most unknowingly perceive, as superior to the genes of others. At its core, our children are seen by our brain, as messengers we hope will deliver, thus insuring our immortality in gene form.

## Part II

The love between persons of the same gender, or those of different genders, when speaking strictly in the heterosexual arena, and excluding the procreation directive (platonic love), is comparable to the bonds found in pack animals. This love is based on the loved one's ability to help the lover in accomplishing any number of goals the lover may see as beneficial, and thus adding wealth to their life. This wealth can take a multitude of forms, and although one specific target need not be identified, the lover's brain imagines the loved one will be of service at some point. If the loved one proves themselves as a productive member of the pack, this relationship can continue indefinitely.

This circuit can also be redirected, at any time. Should one party display behavior unbecoming a pack member, that the other party perceives as weak or inappropriate, the circuit can be dissolved, and the acceptance of this, can and does, fall victim to the same confusing set of brain activities, when considering the end of a procreation based partnership, as the electrical/chemical circuitry is very similar—the brain has tricked itself into expectation of benefit, by focusing itself on another as a partner with which to realize said benefit, and when this possibility, which can be easily compared to the generation of progeny, is no longer a shared vision, one brain will have to struggle to alter its circuitry, in an almost identical way as the jilted brain, referred to in Part I.

## Part III

The two styles of love the brain assigns to others, discussed thus far, can be simultaneous, with procreation at its core, while the pack member identification signals are in place, and both brains have completed the necessary circuitry. These are the people that often have lasting relationships which is something I know little about, and will not pursue at length. Suffice to say, I've witnessed this phenomenon seldom, with the involved parties, on closer examination, including a fear and or self esteem component/circuit, wherein there is a belief, not necessarily shared and not factual, that one

cannot survive without the other. As survival trumps all other electrical and chemical edicts of the 10% of the brain that's available, a “procreating pack member” garners the creation of additional circuitry, to justify the ongoing union.

#### Part IV Conclusion

Stated plainly: love is over-rated. Person's trick themselves, into brief periods of euphoria, by allowing their brain to make connections, create circuitry, follow unreasonable chemical signals, that if examined by a completely functioning brain, would be exposed as absurd. Love, in the abstract, is all well and good, but I fear it does not exist in a form we can grasp—is not accessible by the amount of brain power we can assign to understanding it's true nature. A fully operational brain will likely come to the conclusion that love is a self serving task master, with it's goals being, the expansion of an individual's scope of experience, the spreading of its gene pool and acquisition of wealth, in whatever form one deems most rewarding at any given time. The assignment of what is or isn't “rewarding wealth,” is often based on survival requirements, but can extend to the frivolous.

If only 10% of your car were working, it would no longer be a consideration, when transportation is required—it would be deemed 'useless.' Our brains are simply incapable of understanding the concept of love, but that hasn't stopped the human race from placing a high level of importance on the form currently manifested, accepted and praised—hasn't stopped us from trying repeatedly, to fire up a dead car. A person's capacity for living a “good and just” life, in the eyes of their peers, is measured by their ability to allow their brain to create as many circuits as they have capacity for, around base instincts, in the guise of love; the more erroneous circuitry a person tangles their mind with, the better that person is perceived to be.

Not only is love over-rated, its often used as an excuse for unacceptable behavior of unimaginable proportions (sure sounds like religion to me).

The thing about strong belief/faith, is the believer can seldom be swayed from their stance. I include myself in their ranks, where love is concerned, which has left a wholly juxtaposed condition within me. Constant confusion, with brief moments of acceptance and an occasional euphoric sensation, that when recognized as such, is quickly quelled, based on the theories presented here. Should my intent be to remain alive and experience a modicum of pleasure while being on the planet, I see no way to accomplish this, other than avoiding love of anything other than the inanimate.

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#### Death Part I

Considering the edicts put forth by groups that have dedicated their curiosity, to ascertaining the make-up of the universe, especially the tiniest of specs humans occupy, all matter consists of a handful of elements. These elements latch onto one and other in multiple ways, so many ways, that there are an untold number of combinations. But there are certain constants when these elements are considered.

Elements, the basic building blocks of literally everything, are made of energy. This energy's origin is

unknown. What is known, factual, is that the energy referred to is a constant; that is to say, it cannot stop being energy.

Energy is without intelligence whatsoever. Its guided by gravitation and magnetism, and moves toward other elements with no specific purpose. It will find another element, by chance, and the two will bond in a way yet to be understood, thus forming something different than the two individual elements.

Once combined, their gravitational and magnetic signature is changed, thus causing them to be attracted to yet another element, or group of elements, which has a signature attractive to the newly formed pair. This pairing of elements occurs constantly, and due to the nature of all elements, these pairings happen at the highest speed limit humans have been able to establish; the speed of light.

It can be said, with relative certainty, these elements, these particles of energy, have always existed, and always will. We could look closer at the particles, the molecules, the atoms, utilized in forming them, and when we get close enough, we'll find a nucleus being orbited by specific energies of a specific type and number, which place the particle in a category of elements, based to their internal components. A note here, worthy of scrutiny, is that the energies orbiting the nucleus of an atom, are doing so in a void—they orbit in an atmosphere of nothing—there is no resistance to their continuous, repetitious journey around the nucleus. Nature abhors a vacuum, and that each atom is in possession of a vacuum, simply means the 10% of our brains that work, haven't figured out what the orbiting energies are afloat in, but it is not a vacuum of the sort comprehensible by humans.

## Part II

Accepting the information presented in Part I as fact; energy is not wholly understood except that energy, on an atomic level is, and has been, in flux forever. That energy, which to humans is currently an abstract, will go on existing regardless of what might happen on a universal level, is an important fact to be reckoned with, where the death of a human is to be considered.

That elements are attracted to each other, in such a way as to form themselves into a creature that consumes other energies, and changes those energies into different gravitational/magnetic groupings, toward it's own survival, is no miracle. When considering the very nature of activity on the atomic level, anything can be accomplished when elements meet, are attracted to each other, and are haphazardly tossed together, into something the individual element is unaware of. This is not only common, but is, universally, how molecules/atoms/energy work in all instances—that 'things' exist, like apple trees, wormholes, crotchless panties, et al, is pure chance. Wandering, untethered elements found each other, bonded due to their signatures of attraction, and the result is unpredictable in all cases.

That Earth animals reproduce, and have been doing so for a very short time when the age of the universe is considered, is further proof that the energies driving the continuation of any given species, is another accidental occurrence. The female's egg and the males sperm, contain the elements, in small proportion with which to start the process. When these two meet, a pairing is created with the magnetism to attract the necessary energies, and insure the existing elements multiply and result in another consuming collection of energy, in a form similar to the hosts that provided the initial elements.

Accidental atomic level activities such as this, have a limited span of time in which they are successful, should repetition be a measure of success. Atoms, being without intent, will eventually evolve toward some other paradyme, as their attraction signatures will change to accommodate the evolutionary path the universe is traveling.

### Part III

The Love section of this essay did not specifically address the tendency of humans to bond closely with others, beyond the base instincts of procreation and or personal gain, as it is accepted by this author that no such bond is based in reality. Electrical/chemical collusions can cause one or more persons, to perceive an associate, as someone more important than others. This is moreover a bond developed by a human's ability to provide for another, or perhaps a group, in a beneficial way. One human can perform seemingly altruistic acts causing others to place them in a category that transcends base incentives, or these acts may be performed, unknowingly, with the hidden expectation that the person taking said action will reap a benefit for themselves. Either way, the involved brains are manipulated into holding another in a place of undeserved import, as possessing more worth than others they've encountered.

The essence of occupancy in a body is three fold:

- \*Persons are born and given basic information by their parents and those they're exposed to during their formative years.

- \*They make choices around existence, on this set of information, and struggle through their short time, performing tasks they perceive as beneficial to themselves.

- \*Either exhausting the body's ability to maintain health, or meeting with harmful circumstances, the person dies.

There are an innumerable set of possibilities of how a human performs during a lifetime, and focus can change with the slightest influence. It's recently come to light, that what a person learns during the first five to seven years of life, will set a basic tone for how their lives will unfold, should they be unable to break the electrical/chemical connections to the information given them, whether it be positive or negative in nature.

The brain is unable to redirect in most cases, and the person's basic approach to life, with what little control they have over it, is set on a particular path, using the lessons learned prior to age seven. Information entering the brain is constant, but the 'base camp' established in youth, is impenetrable, in almost all cases, and in situations the person encounters, that are considered important, additional knowledge is seldom perused for answers, as the initial information, now locked into the brain, and referred to as factual, is driving the person's actions, and questioning it's agenda is not a consideration. Reverting to this part of the brain is simply reflex/reaction, as the functioning/fluid part of the brain, doesn't consider the time involved to develop a response, as valid—the answers are provided by the base camp in rapid fashion, and acted on as “directive” without consideration of long-term effects.

### Part IV

Knowing the body has an expiration date, and not being aware of what that date might be, becomes cause for concern. Being aware that the procreation directive is in place, along with the survival instinct, can drive the brain in such a way, that the body performs tasks that are wholly unnecessary. Actions taken by the brain to try and attain some semblance of achievement, has been known to find the body driven to unusual and meaningless acts, of which resemble the brain's edicts, yet when examined, had no possibility of achieving them in a successful way. The brain knows something needs to transpire, and instead of doing nothing, it directs the body to involve itself in something similar to it's instinctual manifest of things to accomplish.

### Part V

The existing circuitry of a particular brain, when viewed as a whole, often lends itself to the acceptance of other brains perceived to be operating on the same level; similar fact sets, belief structures, personality attributes, etc, can find persons bonding on a level that may include reproductive, acquisition and or pack mentality, but can bind disregarding base imperatives altogether. The benefit of such an intangible bond, is abstract in nature, but when scrutinized, offers a glimpse at something outside the brain's usual instinctual focus—friendship. A comfort level is established, through little to no effort, between the two, and can easily be dissolved with little provocation.

Though this might have been better addressed in the Love section of this essay, as it's nature can evolve into love, a friendship doesn't require love as a prerequisite.

## Part VI

Should a body live to, or close to, the current lifespan expectation, reactions to it's demise, will be treated in a particular fashion. Associates of the demised, will perceive they have experienced a loss. In most cases there are rituals undertaken, wherein the participants express their loss to one and other, in various ways, with the constant of said rituals, being an opportunity to comfort those that feel loss deeper, or equal to, yourself. The tone surrounding the demise is reverent, subdued and those remaining alive, will soon return to their attempts at living up to the potential the base camps in their minds command them to pursue.

Should the brain of a person, short circuit in some way, and that body takes measures to bring about its demise, in contradiction to it's survival instinct, before the lifespan norm has been acceptably approached, or even if it has, the reaction of the demised's associates is altogether different. Rituals still transpire, but the brain activity of attendees is scattered and appears to be beyond their ability to apply reason. Their perceived loss is much greater than the loss of someone, say, living so long their body just stops working.

## Part VII Conclusions

### A

The misconception in both cases of Part VI, is, although the living were witness to a demise, nothing has changed. The energy required, for either of the demised persons referred to, needed to keep them breathing and occupying a body, has simply been released to bond with other forms of energy. The assumed internal void of an atom, home of the orbiting molecule, is in this writer's theory, pure energy, which is released in a form humans do not currently understand, and added back into the universal “stock pile” to be redistributed randomly. The body's atoms collapse, freeing the energy the molecules orbited within, as well as the molecules themselves. This energy, which is now available to assume any form, although without direction, is unable to stop it's journey toward the next project it encounters, with said “projects” being wholly accidental and without meaning other than that of evolution. The demised body returns to the earth, is absorbed, is broken back down, and is ready to be introduced back into the elemental playing field, thus undertaking, what I've referred to as its next random “project.”

The theory here is that there are no projects. Energy, although moving at the speed of light, can be considered static, if the whole of energy is examined with the assumption that everything is made of the same material or set of materials. Were one so inclined to hold the concept of energy as a constant, the universe could theoretically be seen as a solid, much in the way humans see a grain of sand as one

thing unto itself. A grain of sand is many things (literally a universe within itself, should we be capable of its proper examination), in a form humans have labeled as insignificant.

B

The perception of loss is not possible without the perception of possession. That a person is viewed as a possession is a component of the trickery of love. Love and Death are connected, due in total, to the incapable, limping, confused brain driving each human being, to follow a set of directives, either implanted during their youth, or developed during a life among other brains, who's motives are solely based in fantasy. These fantasies are built around the brain's base instincts, which are called upon to reinforce their validity, skewing the brain's instincts to fit the fantasy, in whatever way best suits any particular person's unconscious agenda.

C

Love is a trick. That human body's stop producing CO2 is inevitable. That one is effected by the other, is a choice of degrees; a fully functioning brain will be aware, that the loss experienced by associates of the demised, is, in fact, associates facing their belief they will no longer benefit from the demised--all instinctual activity between them has been halted; no progeny will manifest, whatever wealth the demised might have been known to offer, will not recur and the pack's ability to survive has been effected adversely. The acceptance of this, by those surviving the demise of a perceived loved one, insures the life of those surviving, continues with a modicum of readjustments, and is the only reasonable response.

Placing an inordinate amount of importance on any particular individual, sets the stage for expectation concerning the actions of that individual. It has been my experience, that any and all expectations, are ultimately met with disappointment. That a small portion of the human brain, has the audacity to predict the future, and believe that prediction, is further evidence that evolution is taking it's sweet time in firing up the 90% of the brain remaining dormant.

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